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City of Salisbury to Participate in National Transit Tribute to Rosa Parks Day

Salisbury, NC – November 29, 2005 – The City of Salisbury's Transit Division will honor the life and work of Rosa Parks by participating in a "National Tribute to Rosa Parks Day" on Thursday, December 1. In conjunction with public transportation systems across the state, Salisbury will pay respect by reserving the front seat of all buses in honor of Ms. Parks. The designated area will display signage and offer an explanation to riders regarding the vacancy presented in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Organized by the North Carolina Public Transit Association (NCPTA) and the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), this memorial will honor Rosa Louise Parks' refusal to relinquish her city bus seat to a white male on December 1, 1955. This simple act of defiance in Montgomery, Alabama, grew into a mythic event that helped touch off the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, hence resulting in the Supreme Court ruling which outlawed segregation on buses.

The City of Salisbury's Transit Manager, Rodney Harrison states, "It is a sincere honor for Salisbury's Transit Division to participate in this statewide tribute to Ms. Parks." All city buses will observe the front seat memorial for a 12 hour period on Thursday, December 1st. Harrison adds, "Public transportation systems across the nation will be joining in this organized acknowledgement of Ms. Parks' life and the date in which she refused to give up her seat."

For more information regarding the City of Salisbury's Public Transportation System, visit us on the web at www.salisburync.gov/transit/ or contact Harrison at 704-638-5252.

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